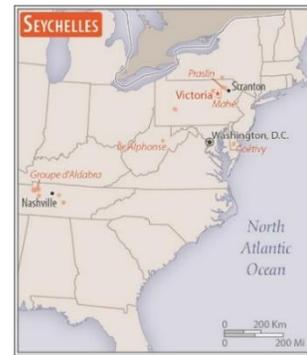
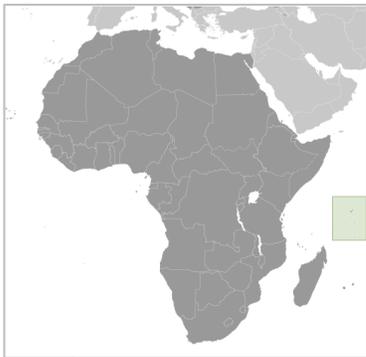




SEYCHELLES



INTRODUCTION

Seychelles was uninhabited prior to being discovered by Europeans early in the 16th century. A lengthy struggle between France and Great Britain for the islands ended in 1814, when they were ceded to the UK. Independence came in 1976.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Wavel RAMKALAWAN

Head of Government

President Wavel RAMKALAWAN

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Victoria

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (35 seats)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income Indian Ocean island economy; rapidly growing tourism sector; major tuna exporter; offshore financial hub; environmentally fragile and investing in ocean rise mitigation; recently discovered offshore oil potential; successful anticorruption efforts

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$2.4 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$24,400 (2020 est.)

Industries - fishing, tourism, beverages

Agricultural products - coconuts, vegetables, bananas, fruit, eggs, poultry, tomatoes, pork, tropical fruit, cassava

Exports \$1.09 billion (2020 est.)

refined petroleum, fish, recreational boats, cigarettes, animal meal (2019)

partners: UAE 17%, UK 13%, France 12%, British Virgin Islands 11%, Zambia 9%, Mauritius 5%, Japan 5% (2019)

Imports \$1.35 billion (2020 est.)

recreational boats, refined petroleum, fish, aircraft, cars (2019)

partners: UAE 21%, Qatar 13%, British Virgin Islands 7%, Germany 6%, France 6%, China 5%, Spain 5%, South Africa 5% (2019)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 455 sq km

Land: 455 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; humid; cooler season during southeast monsoon (late May to September); warmer season during northwest monsoon (March to May)

Natural Resources

fish, coconuts (copra), cinnamon trees

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

96,390 (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

0.67% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

predominantly creole (mainly of East African and Malagasy heritage); also French, Indian, Chinese, and Arab populations

Language

Seychellois Creole (official) 89.1%, English (official) 5.1%, French (official) 0.7%, other 3.8%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 76.2%, Protestant 10.5%, other Christian 2.4%, Hindu 2.4%, Muslim 1.6%, other non-Christian 1.1%, unspecified 4.8%, none 0.9% (2010 est.)

